

- R³ represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, or represents unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl.
- R⁴ represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, or represents unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl, and
- Z represents an unsubstituted or substituted 4- to 12-membered, saturated or unsaturated, monocyclic or bicyclic, heterocyclic grouping which contains 1 to 4 heteroatoms, and which additionally contains one to three groups selected from oxo groups (C=O), thioxo groups (C=S) and mixtures thereof as components of the heterocycle;
- with the proviso that 2-(5-carboxy-2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-4-difluoromethyl-5-methyl-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one and 2-(5-carboxy-2,4-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one are excluded.--

REMARKS

By present amendment the claims have been amended to present the claims in accordance with customary U.S. practice, care having been exercised to avoid any introduction of new matter.

Claims 1-11 have been amended as to form and to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 12-20 have been added. Support for Claims 12-14 can be found in original Claim 1, while support for Claim 15 can be found in original Claim 2 and support for Claims 16-17 can be found in original Claim 8. Support for Claim 18 can be found in the specification on page 48, lines 21-25. While support for Claim 19 can be found on page 51, line 6-page 52, line 19 and support for Claim 20 can be found on page 50, line 21-page 51, line 4.

The specification has been amended to include section headings in accordance with customary U.S. practice, and to include a Summary of the

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Invention. Support for the amendment to the specification can be found in original Claim 1 and on page 1, line 11-page 2, line 22.

The amendments to the claims and the specification do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectively requested.

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